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Enclosed is an amendment in response to the Office Action of December 19, 2002 in connection with the above-captioned application.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Amendment. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for charging purposes.

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SIR:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of **GROUP 1700** December 19, 2002 in connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 82, 84 and 85, without prejudice, as follows:

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82. (Amended) The multilayer structure according to claim 81, wherein:
the carbon layers include one of amorphous carbon containing hydrogen,
amorphous hydrogen-free carbon, carbon containing silicon, and carbon containing
the metal, and
the metal is selected from hard secondary group metals.

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84. (Amended) The multilayer structure according to claim 81, wherein:
the hard material layers include at least one hard material layer,
the carbon layers include at least one carbon layer, and
the silicon layers include at least one silicon layer.

85. (Amended) The multilayer structure according to claim 84, wherein:
the hard material layers include one hard material layer,